

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1386

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A RESOLUTION to honor the life of Joshua Scott Cole of Nashville.

WHEREAS, expressing deep sorrow for the loss of a beloved member of our community, the elected representatives of the State of Tennessee wish to honor the memory of Joshua Scott Cole, a person whose very life is an inspiration to those he has left behind; and

WHEREAS, Joshua Cole was the cherished son of Catina Cole and Lance Martin and will be remembered as a most remarkable human being whose life ended far too soon; and

WHEREAS, a 2007 honors graduate of Hillsboro High School, Joshua was attending Nashville State Community College in an effort to fulfill his prerequisites before transferring to a local university to pursue his bachelor's degree; and

WHEREAS, a talented athlete, Joshua Cole began playing football while his grandfather coached and, later, lent his athletic talents to his high school's football team; he was dedicated to his health and took exceptional care of himself by working out almost every day at the local gym; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cole was a selfless young man with a boundless future; and

WHEREAS, a blessing to all who knew him, Mr. Cole's spirit will be lovingly remembered; and

WHEREAS, Joshua Cole was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cole was a tremendous source of pride for his parents, who survive him, his family, his friends, and his community; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his parents, Joshua is survived by his sister, Hannah Martin; maternal grandparents, Dwight and Janice Cole; paternal grandparents, Wayne and Betty Martin; and his maternal great-grandmother, Katherine Duncan; and

WHEREAS, he will be fondly remembered and sorely missed by his aunts and uncles, Darnell and Missie Cole, Jerry and Melissa Cole, Heather Thompson, and Colin and Crystal Martin, and his cousins, Calvin Thompson, Jesse Armistead, Madison Cole, Taylor Cole, Abby Cole, Peyton Cole, Landon Cole, and Jocelyn Cole; and

WHEREAS, Joshua Cole leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the valiant, values-driven, and deeply spiritual life of this exceptional human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory and commend the life of Joshua Scott Cole, a person for whom life was an adventure and a gift, even as we reflect fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our deepest sympathies and offer our most sincere condolences to the family and friends of Joshua Cole.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.